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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 9, 2001, the due date having been extended two months to October 9, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

9/12. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said film-forming auxiliary is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of glycol ethers, esters and diesters.